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Extraversion

Outgoing or Reserved

Extraversion - Introduction:

In previous paragraphs you were described on a scale that included being Outgoing, being Reserved or falling somewhere between these two in ways in which you relate to other people. The following paragraphs refine what was described in those paragraphs and describe your qualities of Adventure, offering a Good Word, and Taking Charge.

Take Charge - Introduction:

In a group situation, if a decision needs to be made or a direction chosen, will you be the one to take charge or will you wait for someone else, and then follow? In a one-on-one situation, if each of you has a strong but contradictory belief, will you stand up for yourself or capitulate even if you still hold your belief? Or do you rock between these two responses, sometimes leading and sometimes following, sometimes defending yourself and sometimes giving in? Whether or not you take charge in groups or in one-on-one situations is something to know about yourself as you come to understand how you do in relationships. The following paragraphs describe your response when someone needs to take charge.

Take Charge: Your Personalized Description

You don't want the job. When the group you hang with is trying to decide - which restaurant to go to, where to spend the weekend - you'd just as soon let the more forceful people make the decisions and lead the way. Even one-on-one with a friend or your partner, if someone has to make a decision you'd rather it not be you. There's just something about that Taking Charge role that makes you uncomfortable.

Maybe you don't think you're fit for it. You may have a track record, in your personal life and in your relationships, of not feeling like you have done a great job when you have

had to take on this role. Or maybe you just don't want the responsibilities of leadership. You're fit for it - you make good enough decisions and exercise solid judgment - but you don't want anyone pointing the finger at you if they don't like where your leadership takes them. Let someone else bear the burden; you'll listen quietly and go along with someone else in charge.

There's one possible danger for you here we want to bring to your attention. If you take this to the extent that you don't stand up for yourself you might find yourself being used by others who are willing to take charge; they might pull you into their scheme to advance themselves even if it means you wind up being taken advantage of. If you don't speak up for yourself they might co-opt you into something that is good for them but not that good for you. If on reflection, you do see that this has happened to you may want to be a bit more careful. Standing up for yourself, even if it doesn't come naturally for you may help you stay out of such situations.

One more thing. You may have more strength than you give yourself credit for. You may mistrust your judgment, but it might not be so flawed. You don't think you're worthy of being in charge, but you may be a better leader than you think, at least in some circumstances. You might want to explore, maybe with the help of a good friend or advisor, why you think less of yourself as a leader than you should.
